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 EXCELLENT BRITTLE FRACTURE RESISTANCE  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a five (5) month extension of time for filing an Appeal Brief for the subject application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on October 29, 2009. A two (2) month period for filing the Appeal Brief expiring on December 29, 2009 was set. The extended period expires effectively on **May 29, 2010**.

Please charge the extension fee of \$ 2,350.00 for a five (5) month extension of time to Deposit Account 11-0600. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account 11-0600. A copy of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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